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Dear John:

I have received your letter of 1 August 1953 regarding the proposed trip to Europe and North Africa of The Honorable Harold C. Ostertag, a member of your Committee, accompanied by Mr. Wilson, of the Committee staff. Of course we will be delighted to assist Mr. Ostertag in any way possible. When Mr. Ostertag's plans are firm as to dates and places which he proposes to visit, I suggest that Mr. Wilson contact my Legislative Counsel, Mr. Walter Pforzheimer, so that we can ascertain what assistance Mr. Ostertag will need.

I am planning to go abroad this weekend, so I wish to take this opportunity to again express my sincere thanks to you for your kind understanding and helpfulness during the past Session. I hope that you yourself will be able to get some rest and vacation during the recess.

With kindest regards, I am

	Sincerely yours,	Conf.
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